

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

ADRIAN HEILBUT, JESSE BRODKIN, AND
ENEAS MILIORIS,

Plaintiffs,

DAVID BREDT and GEOFFREY PITT,

Intervenor Plaintiffs,

v.

CASSAVA SCIENCES, INC., REMI
BARBIER, AND DR. LINDSAY BURNS,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:24-cv-05948-JLR

**DECLARATION OF MICHAEL A.
VATIS IN SUPPORT OF MOTION
OF WITHDRAWAL OF
ATTORNEYS**

I, Michael A. Vatis, hereby affirm the following under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1746:

1. I am a member of the bar of the State of New York and of this Court. I submit this declaration pursuant to Rule 1.4 of the Local Rules of this Court in support of the Motion of Withdrawal of Attorneys J. Erik Connolly, Caitlin A. Kovacs, Michael A. Vatis, Williams E. Walsh, Julie M. Loftus, and Michael B. Silverstein of Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff LLP as attorneys of record for Defendant Cassava Sciences, Inc.

2. Defendant Cassava Sciences, Inc. has engaged new counsel and is currently represented by Scott Campbell of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP whose notice of appearance was filed on May 6, 2025.

3. This withdrawal is consented to by both incoming and outgoing counsel and has been approved by Defendant Cassava Sciences, Inc.

4. This withdrawal will not delay the matter or prejudice any party.

5. The parties are currently in the discovery process and in the midst of responding to discovery requests, producing documents, and preparing for upcoming depositions.

6. There is no charging lien.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request that the Court grant the withdrawal of J. Erik Connolly, Caitlin A. Kovacs, Michael A. Vatis, Williams E. Walsh, Julie M. Loftus, and Michael B. Silverstein as attorneys of record for Defendant Cassava Sciences, Inc.

Dated: June 16, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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